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Paragraph 4 and paragraphs 6 and 10 of annex 2 to Security Council resolution 1244 (1999) of 10 June 1999 provide explicitly for the return of an agreed number of Yugoslav and Serbian military and police personnel to Kosovo and Metohija, the autonomous province of the Yugoslav constituent Republic of Yugoslavia. Specifically, paragraph 6 of annex 2 provides for the performance of the following functions:

- Liaison with the international civil mission and the international security presence;
- Marking/clearing minefields;
- Maintaining a presence at Serb patrimonial sites;
- Maintaining a presence at key border crossings.

The Federal Republic of Yugoslavia has carried out all its obligations under resolution 1244 (1999) and the military-technical agreement, whereby all conditions have concurred for the return of the said personnel to the southern Serbian province of Kosovo and Metohija.

Conversely, the Kosovo Force (KFOR) and the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) have carried out none of their obligations notwithstanding the fact that almost 15 months have elapsed since their deployment. The return of Yugoslav and Serbian military and police personnel to Kosovo and Metohija continues to be unjustly obstructed, which seriously threatens the implementation of the resolution and the military-technical agreement.

The Federal Republic of Yugoslavia has continuously pointed to this serious problem and requested KFOR and UNMIK to carry out their obligations fully and consistently and implement the provisions of resolution 1244 (1999) and the military-technical agreement, providing unequivocally for the return of Yugoslav and Serbian military and police personnel to Kosovo and Metohija. The negative development so far, as well as the deterioration of the overall situation in Kosovo and Metohija, bear witness to the need for a speedy deployment of the said personnel in this Serbian province. The situation, despite the 14-month presence of KFOR and UNMIK, is dramatic: terror and violence escalate; ethnic cleansing and genocide against Serbs and other non-Albanians intensify; organized crime, illicit

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trade in narcotics and white slavery have assumed unprecedented proportions; and chaos and lawlessness reign supreme. Since the deployment of KFOR and UNMIK, over 360,000 Serbs, Montenegrins, Roma, Goranci, Turks, Muslims and other non-Albanians have been expelled, over 5,000 terrorist acts, primarily against Serbs, have been committed, 1,100 persons have been killed, about 1,000 wounded and about the same number abducted by the members of the terrorist so-called Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA).

KFOR and UNMIK missions have been a fiasco as they failed, almost 15 months after their deployment, to carry out any of the key provisions of resolution 1244 (1999):

- The sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (para. 10 and para. 8 of annex 2 to resolution 1244 (1999)) continue to be systematically violated;
- KLA and other armed Albanian groups (para. 9 (b)) have been neither demilitarized, disarmed nor disbanded;
- The border of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia with the Republic of Albania and the Republic of Macedonia has not been monitored (para. 9 (g)), which enabled unhindered, illegal entry to over 250,000 foreigners into Kosovo and Metohija, mostly terrorists, criminals and armed gangs from Albania;
- A secure environment in which refugees and displaced persons can return home in safety (para. 9 (c)) has not been established;
- Public safety and order (para. 9 (d)) and the freedom of movement, a *conditio sine qua non* of the realization of any other right, have not been ensured;
- Human rights (para. 11 (j)) have not been protected and promoted, hence massive violations of the rights of Serbs, Montenegrins, Roma, Goranci, Turks, Muslims and other non-Albanians;
- Serb patrimonial sites (para. 6 of annex 2) have not been protected, hence the destruction of over 100 Christian Orthodox churches, monasteries and cultural monuments, many of which UNESCO has proclaimed as part of world cultural heritage.

Proceeding from those considerations and desirous to render its full contribution to a thorough implementation of the provisions of resolution 1244 (1999), the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia has established a combined detachment for special purposes, the Kosovo and Metohija Detachment of Peace, ready to be deployed in Kosovo and Metohija.

The Detachment, consisting of the forces of the Army of Yugoslavia and the Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Serbia, is a unit of good intentions for all good-intentioned residents of Kosovo and Metohija and all soldiers under the flag of the United Nations who respect their military honour. Detachment members possess the highest professional and moral qualities and know the situation in Kosovo and Metohija well. They provided ample evidence of the readiness to carry out their tasks under resolution 1244 (1999) and the military-technical agreement at their first public presentation on 1 September 2000 attended by foreign military envoys accredited in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

Proceeding from the fact that the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia has carried out all its obligations under resolution 1244 (1999) and the military-technical agreement, the Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia calls on the Security Council to make it possible for the contingent of Yugoslav and Serbian military and police personnel to be deployed in Kosovo and Metohija without delay. The deployment would help implement the key provisions of resolution 1244 (1999) and the military-technical agreement and create a secure environment for all residents of Kosovo and Metohija, putting an end to the present chaos, lawlessness and insecurity in this Serbian province.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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